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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.